

Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council
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I. Background

The Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council has evolved from several predecessor organizations that have served a similar function for state government since the 1970s. Most recently this group was known as the Information Technology Management Committee (ITMC). Prior groups have been known as the Information Management Committee, the Telecommunications and Information Management (TIM) Council, and the Communications Advisory Council (CAC). The common theme that has carried through these organizations has been the function of providing a focal point for information technology professionals to gather and share information.

II. Mission

It is the mission of the CIO Council to promote policies and practices for effective use and management of information technology for the State of Iowa. The CIO Council can assist those responsible in government for achieving efficient use of these resources by providing leadership and fostering collaboration regarding technology and information management among all members of the state enterprise.

III. Objectives

The objectives of the CIO Council include:

- A. Serve as the focal point for CIOs within government to share information among themselves as well as provide group input to enterprise service providers such as the Information Technology Department (ITD) and the Iowa Communications Network (ICN).
- B. Provide input and feedback on both policy and technical issues to enterprise entities such as the Information Technology Council (ITC) and the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission (ITTC).
- C. Provide a coordination point and a forum for all technology related user groups and others to enable those groups to most effectively meet and communicate their goals and needs.
- D. Promote exchange of information among member organizations to facilitate the development of technical knowledge and understanding regarding information management and technology.
- E. Promote research, development, evaluation and use of advanced information technologies appropriate to state government.

- F. Maintain active liaison with organizations having expertise relevant to the use and management of information technology resources.
- G. Promote education and training in management of information technologies and resources as essential components of professional development of the state work force.

IV. Organizational Relationships

- A. The CIO Council shall maintain a relationship which ensures two-way communication with each of the following organizations: ITC, ITTC, ITD, and ICN.
- B. The CIO Council shall create and/or serve as the focal point for various groupings of technology related communities of interest.
- C. The CIO Council shall foster relationships with vendors and other entities as appropriate.

V. Membership

Membership is open to all state government organizations in Iowa. The CIO Council shall maintain a list of recognized organizations for membership purposes to serve on the CIO Council. Each organization shall designate one (1) member to serve on the CIO Council. These members shall have all voting rights and represent their organizations with those voting rights. The organization's director shall choose a person who can best represent their organization's information technology needs and perspective. This individual shall be empowered to speak for the organization in matters relating to technology policy. A member may designate a proxy for a specific meeting in situations where a vote is required.

VI. Officers and Committees

- A. Chairperson – The CIO Council shall be chaired by a chairperson selected by the Governor.
- B. Vice-Chairperson – The members of the CIO Council shall select a Vice-Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson's duties shall include the preparation of minutes for the meeting and the scheduling of sites for the meeting.
- C. Length of Term – The Chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2001. The term of office shall begin July 1 following the biennial election, which shall be held in May.
- D. The Chairperson is authorized to establish ad hoc committees and appoint membership as necessary.

- E. An Executive Committee is established and shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and two additional members of the CIO Council. Their duties may include but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Define long term planning objectives for CIO Council.
 - ii. Coordinate key initiatives of the CIO Council.
 - iii. Review membership and levels of participation for purposes of maintaining an active membership.

VII. Meetings

- A. The CIO Council shall meet separately at least quarterly.
- B. The CIO Council shall meet with vendors and other entities at least annually.
- C. The CIO Council shall invite participation by various groupings of technology related communities of interest as appropriate.
- D. Fifty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum. Votes on issues shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present.